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FRANKFURT FOR EDER, GAO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: VISIT BY GAO TEAM TO STUDY SECURITY SUPPORTING  
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ASSISTANCE (SSA) PROGRAM

1. THE GAO IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE (SSA) PROGRAM WHICH INVOLVES A STUDY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S AND AID'S POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES FOR ADMINISTERING AND EVALUATING THIS IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAM. IN

CONNECTION WITH THIS WORK, THE GAO PLANS TO CARRYOUT THE OVERSEAS PORTION OF THIS PROJECT BY HAVING A FIVE-PERSON TEAM (THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM WASHINGTON AND TWO FROM GAO'S EUROPEAN BRANCH) VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, DATES OF VISIT SUBJECT TO THE POST'S CONCURRENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE SHOWN IN PARAGRAPH 5.

2. THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE OVERSEAS VISITS WILL BE FOR THE GAO TEAM TO (1) MEET WITH U.S. AND HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS WELL AS PROJECT CONTRACTORS TO LEARN ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION OF SSA PROJECTS, (2) ASSESS THE OVERALL STATUS OF THE COUNTRY SSA PROGRAM, INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON ALL INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS, AND (3) CONDUCT A COMPLETE EXAMINATION OF THE STATUS OF PLANNING/IMPLEMENTATION ON THE TWO MAJOR PROJECTS INDICATED IN THE FOLLOWING LIST FOR WHICH INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN WASHINGTON:  
EGYPT:

- 1. GRAIN STORAGE FACILITIES I
- 2. ISMAILIA STEAM POWER PLANT

JORDAN:

- 1. MAQARIN DAM AND JORDAN VALLEY IRRIGATION SYSTEM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROJECT 2. POTASH PRODUCTION PROJECT

SYRIA:

- 1. EUPHRATES RIVER BASIN MAINTENANCE
- 2. DAMASCUS WATER SUPPLY I

WE EXPECT GAO TEAM MAY WISH TO VISIT OTHER PROJECTS AS WELL.  
PROJECTS IN SWAZILAND AND BOTSWANA WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

THE GAO IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW THE SSA PROGRAMS ARE CARRYING OUT THE CONGRESSIONAL "NEW DIRECTIONS" MANDATE.

3. THE GAO TEAM WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, AID DIRECTOR AND STAFF, AND WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EACH POST'S SUGGESTIONS AND ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP A SCHEDULE OF HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH WHOM THEY COULD DISCUSS PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

4. GAO/WASHINGTON TEAM MEMBERS ARE MR. JOHN SIMON (TEAM LEADER), MS. KAREN ZUCKERSTEIN AND MS. SHARON CHAMBERLAIN. THE DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES THAT MR. SIMON AND MS. ZUCKERSTEIN HOLD TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE AND MS. -HAMBERLAIN HAS AN INTERIM SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE. NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR TWO GAO REPRESENTATIVES FROM GAO/EUROPEAN BRANCH OFFICE WILL BE TELEGRAPHED BY FRANKFURT. THE FIVE-PERSON TEAM PLANS TO SPEND ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN CAIRO AND AMMAN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIP AFTER WHICH TWO TEAMS WILL FINISH THE WORK -- ONE TEAM VISITING DAMASCUS AND THE OTHER MBABANE AND GABORONE.

5. THE PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR THE GAO/WASHINGTON TEAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

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#### WASHINGTON TEAM ARRIVAL

CAIRO 9/14 2:20P.M. TW 800 PLEASE MEET AND TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL (WASHINGTON TEAM 1)

AMMAN 9/29 5:00P.M. RJ 502 RESERVE THREE SINGLES WITH BATH. PLEASE MEET AND TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL.

(MR. J. SIMON WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF AMMAN VISIT)

DAMASCUS 10/12 9:15A.M. RJ 260 SINGLE WITH BATH FOR MS. CHAMBERLAIN

MBABANE 10/15 2:30P.M. SA 127 SINGLE WITH BATH FOR MS. ZUCKERSTEIN

GABORONE 10/23 8:30A.M. BP 810 SINGLE WITH BATH FOR MS. ZUCKERSTEIN. ETD FROM GABORONE 10/30.

PLEASE CONFIRM RESERVATION AND NAME OF HOTEL TO DEPARTMENT FOR GAO.

- GAO/FRANKFURT WILL NOTIFY POSTS NAMES, TRAVEL PLANS AND DATES HOTEL RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR TWO AUDITORS WHO WILL JOIN WASHINGTON TEAM.

6. GAO TEAM WILL BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE ENTRY AND EXIT BRIEFING AT POST'S CONVENIENCE.

7. IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GAO AND TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUIDELINES OF 4 FAM 930-934. ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS THAT SHOULD ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE VISIT, PARTICULARLY REGARDING GAO ACCESS TO AND/OR RETENTION OF DEPARTMENT FILES OR DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY AND AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY - USAID CONCURRENCE PROPOSED GAO VISIT. CHRISTOPHER

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